



STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING

January 11, 2021
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members

Eric Ford, Chair
Dr. Shameka Stanford, Vice Chair
Diana Barney
Jeffrey Breslin
John Burton
Annie Hansen-Combs
Lynette Holmes
Senator Cory McCray
Dr. Liz Park
Janelle Riddick
Joseph Rossow
Kimberly Sauer
Dr. Jonathan Shepherd
Darren Stephenson
Laura Wilt

Staff

Jessica Wheeler
William Jernigan
Sabraya Knight
Chris Miele
Justice Schisler

I. Welcome & Roll Call

Mr. Ford called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and Mr. Miele called roll.

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II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Ford directed members to the consent agenda that was distributed prior to the meeting. Hearing no additions or corrections, Mr. Ford assumed a motion and summarily approved the consent agenda as presented.

III. Old / New Business

A. 2021 CJJ Membership and Dues - Vote

The Maryland SAG has been a long standing member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). Ms. Wheeler summarized CJJ membership benefits to the SAG, to include voting representation at the Annual CJJ Council of SAGs meeting. Mr. Breslin motioned and Ms. Sauer seconded the approval of \$5,000 to fund the SAG's 2021 CJJ membership.

B. Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC) Recommendations

Mr. Ford reviewed the draft recommendations of the JJRC and Ms. Wheeler discussed possible next steps for the JJRC, as well as opportunities for the SAG and JJRC to partner on relevant juvenile justice initiatives. Questions were raised by members with respect to the minimum age of juvenile involvement with the system. Ms. Aanenson shared a link to Secretary Abed's [briefing](#) to the Judiciary Committee on January 6, 2021 that provides updates and clarification. The final JJRC report is now available for review [here](#).

C. SAG Three Year Plan - Update

Members were provided with brief updates regarding each of the four selected purpose areas for the 2021-2023 Three Year plan. A survey was conducted, the Three Year plan workgroup has convened to review results and select purpose areas, and three of the four subgroups have met to draft preliminary narrative for their respective sections. The purpose areas under development are programs for positive youth development, diversion, community-based alternatives (including home-based alternatives) to incarceration and institutionalization, and community based programs and services.

D. DJS Updates

a. State Advisory Board (SAB)

Ms. Aanenson reported that the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) State Advisory Board is primarily working on Juvenile Justice Review Council (JJRC) recommendations and child fatality reviews.

b. Crossover Youth Practice Model

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The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) is a collaboration grounded at the jurisdiction level between DJS, the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the judiciary. The local teams consist of stakeholders including the state attorneys, public defenders, CASA, youth, and families. The crossover model ensures joint case planning among the partners and coordination with the courts.

Technical assistance is provided by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. Operational in 23 states and 119 jurisdictions, the longest standing sites in Maryland are in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Washington, Frederick, Allegany, Harford, Howard and Carroll are in the process of implementation. Newer sites include Baltimore County and efforts are underway to stand up a team in Baltimore City. A blueprint for Statewide implementation is also underway and those interested in learning more may contact Ms. Aanenson @ kara.aanenson@maryland.gov.

E. Emerging Leaders Subcommittee

Ms. Drushel Williams provided an overview of grant reviewer requests wherein Emerging Leaders and SAG members can serve as reviewers for two new grant programs administered by the Office:

[HB1346: Student Peer Mediation Fund Establishment](#)

Summary: This Bill creates a new grant fund (\$50,000 annual appropriation beginning FY21 under GOCCP to facilitate grant funds to Baltimore City Schools/Community Organizations for reduction of juvenile violence.

[HB1348: Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund Establishment](#)

Summary: This bill creates a new grant fund (\$50,000 beginning FY21) for GOCCP to administer diversion programs and youth engagement programs in high crime areas.

More information will be shared once the NOFAs are released. Since these are new funding sources, the Office is unsure how many organizations will apply. Additional information about the timeline, role of reviewers, and number of applications to be reviewed will be shared as available. Please contact Christina Drushel Williams at christina.drushel@maryland.gov if you are interested in serving as a reviewer.

F. SAG New Member Orientation

The New Member Orientation set for January 18, 2021 will be rescheduled due to the state holiday. New members are requested to complete an orientation session. Existing members need not complete additional sessions.

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G. FY 2021 JJAC / JSRM Grant Updates

Ms. Wheeler summarized the terms and timelines of bridge funding awarded to requesting FY20 grantees to provide extra time to expend funds and provide services into FY 21 due to delays related to the pandemic. Ms. Knight summarized available performance measure data. Complete quarterly data will be available before the next full meeting of the SAG and distributed with the consent agenda for review. The Grants division is happy to receive requests for expanded detail or interpretation of performance measure and progress reports.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Maryland Juvenile Justice Councils and Workgroups:

<u>SAG Member Resources</u>	<u>Juvenile Justice Reform Council</u>	<u>State Advisory Board for DJS</u>
Member, JJRA, Training, and JJ Links	View video recordings of all meetings	Description, roles, meeting information